(b) whether the road is completed, if not, when will it be completed ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Rs. 6,050·2·10.

(b) The portion of the road up to the Chengal water pandal is proposed to be completed this year.

Assistant to the Government Advocate.

84. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the nature of the work of assistance done by the Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate;

(b) the number of hours the Assistant attends the office of the Government Advocate;

(c) have the Government ever tried to see whether the work of the Government Advocate could be done without the help of a Legislative Assistant ?

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a list of the work done by the Assistant in the course of the last three years ?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a) There is an Assistant to the Government Advocate. He attends to the drafting and checking of Regulations under the supervision of the Government Advocate and appears in the Chief Court in such cases as he is entrusted with.

(b) There is no fixed rule as he is not a full-time officer.

(c) It has been found impracticable to do full justice to the work of the Government Advocate without an Assistant.

(d) No separate list has been kept. But all the regulations and rules have as a rule passed through his hands. He has appeared in the following cases after the reopening of the Court in Edavam.

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Do	C. R. P.	96	of	1103
16—10—1103	Criminal Appeal	18	of	1103
Do	Stamp Reference	2	of	1103
23—10—1103	Cr. R. P.	19	of	1103
25—10—1103	Criminal Appeal	21	of	1103
30—10—1103	do	22	of	1103
31—10—1103	do	16	of	1103
2—11—1103	do	21	of	1103
5—11—1103	C. R. P.	96	of	1103
6—11—1103	Cr. R. P.	19	of	1103
12—11—1103	do	36	of	1103
12—11—1103	do	38	of	1103
13—11—1103	do	39	of	1103
13—11—1103	C. R. P.	40	of	1103
Do	do	41	of	1103
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Do	C. R. P.	96	of	1103
Do	Criminal Appeal	10	of	1103
Do	do	19	of	1103
Do	Cr. R. P.	21	of	1103
1—12—1103	C. R. P.	96	of	1103
2—12—1103	Criminal Appeal	24	of	1103
3—12—1103	C. M. P.	138	of	1103
Do	Criminal Appeal	23	of	1103

Thanikkudam Scheme.

85. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the Thanikkudam project now is, and what work has been done with reference to it in the year 1103?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 14.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It was said that the preliminary investigation is over. Will the Government be prepared to publish anything regarding the preliminary investigation? The answer given to question No. 14 was preliminary investigation is over and some detailed investigation is going on.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I think the result of the preliminary investigation was stated in the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not think anything was stated to my knowledge. My mind is blank regarding that.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—What is the particular information you want?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Regarding the electrical possibilities.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I do not think there are any electrical possibilities. The reservoir is intended simply for storage of water and we are to use the water either for *kole* lands or for some other purpose. I wanted to find out from the owners of the *kole* lands whether they are prepared to pay sufficient money per annum in return for the water. If they ensure us such payment we can work the whole scheme. The whole water will be wanted for the *kole* lands and *kole* lands alone. It is hardly enough for them. If on the other hand we find that the *kole* land people are unwilling to pay or the water is insufficient, we can think of the water supply to Anappara and Trichur. So that, we have got several alternatives, and the delay is to settle how to use the water. But there is no hope of possible electrical development there.

Thalippara Bridge.

86. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge in Thalippara (തളിപ്പറമ്പ) was at any time sanctioned by the Government;

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